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Applicant: Dah-Bin KAO Docket No: 16405-311  
Serial No: 09/256,265 Group Art Unit 2815  
Filing Date: February 23, 1999 Examiner: Diaz, J.  
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SPLIT GATE SOURCE SIDE  
INJECTION FLASH MEMORY CELL AND ARRAY WITH DEDICATED  
ERASE GATES**

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**SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER**

This letter summarizes the subject matter of a telephone interview of Examiner J. Diaz by Tamiz Khan, Patent Attorney for the applicant, on Friday, October 12th, 2001, regarding the Advisory Action mailed on October 2, 2001 refusing entry of an amendment to the application.

Examiner Diaz refused to consider the proposed amendment stating that it would require additional prior art searching. Applicant pointed out that the proposed amendment was a narrowing amendment. Examiner Diaz countered that simply narrowing the claims did not preclude the relevance of subject matter contained in additional prior art. Alternative simplified claim amendments were proposed, but similarly rebuffed.

Applicant asserts that the claim amendments were narrowing amendments that did not require additional searching and that the amended claims would have been allowable.

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